What is claimed is:

1. A document camera comprising:

a script base for placing thereon a document to be captured;

image capture means for capturing the document placed on said script base to generate a moving image signal; and

signal output means for delivering the moving image signal to the outside,

wherein said image capture means has an imager device and an optical system integrally incorporated therein; and

said image capture means is disposed above said script base at a location away from the center of said script base.

2. The document camera according to claim 1, further comprising a light source placed in proximity to said image capture means for illuminating a document on said script base.

3. The document camera according to claim 1, further comprising an image signal processor disposed between said image capture means and said signal output means for correcting a distortion of an image captured by said imager device.

4. The document camera according to claim 3, wherein said image signal processor comprises a keystone distortion correcting function for correcting an optical distortion caused by an inclination of the optical axis of said optical system with respect to said script base.

5. The document camera according to claim 4, wherein said image signal processor further comprises a correction factor adjusting function for varying a correction factor in accordance with a change in the focal distance of said optical system.

6. The document camera according to claim 4, wherein said image signal processor further comprises a distortion correcting function for correcting a distortion which varies with a change in the focal distance of said optical system in addition to said keystone distortion correcting function.

7. The document camera according to claim 5, wherein said image signal processor further comprises a distortion correcting function for correcting a distortion which varies with a change in the focal distance of said optical system in addition to said keystone distortion correcting function.

8. The document camera according to claim 2, further comprising an image signal processor disposed between said image capture means and said signal output means for correcting a distortion of an image captured by said imager device.

9. The document camera according to claim 8, wherein said image signal processor further comprises a keystone distortion correcting function for correcting an optical distortion caused by an inclination of the optical axis of said optical system with respect to said script base.

10. The document camera according to claim 9, wherein said

image signal processor further comprises a correction factor adjusting function for varying a correction factor in accordance with a change in the focal distance of said optical system.

11. The document camera according to claim 9, wherein said image signal processor further comprises a distortion correcting function for correcting a distortion which varies with a change in the focal distance of said optical system in addition to said keystone distortion correcting function.

12. The document camera according to claim 10, wherein said image signal processor further comprises a distortion correcting function for correcting a distortion which varies with a change in the focal distance of said optical system in addition to said keystone distortion correcting function.